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1. The food situation in the Russian Zone has become increasingly serious since the beginning of 1947 because of the drought and delays in the delivery of rationed items. Extra supplies allotted to workers in heavy industry and in the Soviet AGs serve only to cover the general basic ration; the rest of the population does not receive its full local ration. It is expected that these conditions will prevail indefinitely, since there seems to be little hope that foodstuffs will be imported from abroad or that the Russians will curtail their program of seizure and export.
2. Black market operations do nothing to alleviate the situation since they affect only a relatively small percentage of the population. Much of the food remaining to the farmers after they have delivered their quotas is confiscated by the Russians, both officially and unofficially. In Brandenburg it was proposed that the surplus goods of farmers producing more than their quotas be applied to those quotas which cannot be met.
3. The following amounts of goods were requisitioned by the SMA from 1947 crops:

For occupying troops: 8% of root vegetables produced
5% of grains and fodder produced
20% of fruit produced
20% of vegetables produced
10% of sugar produced

For commissaries: 10% of fruit produced
10% of vegetables produced
10% of sugar produced

For export: 15% of root vegetables produced, excluding turnips
15% of grain produced
10% of fruit or canned fruit production
10% of sugar produced

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4. During the latter part of July the following goods were shipped from the Russian Zone through Frankfurt/Oder:

3,000 sheep
2,000 cows (2-3 year-olds)
2,000 hogs
800 milk cows
400 horses
800 tons of grain

5. Shortages in the delivery of rationed foods during July are calculated as follows (daily average of caloric value):

Brandenburg	180 calories
Mecklenburg	150 "
Saxony	150 "
Saxony-Anhalt	
(June)	100 "
Thuringia	150

These deficiencies were largely due to the inadequate supply of potatoes, but in part also to the substitution of less nourishing foods for those originally announced--such as fish for meat or vegetables for potatoes. Deliveries are usually about ten days late.

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